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DeBerry is Free

Winston-Salem, N. C.—The frame-up case against William DeBerry was shattered on January 4, when the North Carolina Supreme Court dismissed the "assault" charge against him. Reversing the decision of two lower courts, the State Supreme Court ruled that the State had no jurisdiction in the case since the alleged assault had taken place in a Federal court room.

DeBerry, an FTA International Representative who played a prominent part in organizing the R. J. Reynolds ("Camel") plant here, had been sentenced to 60 days at hard labor on the road by the State Superior Court on July 14. He had been charged with slapping Louise Johnson, a white company-union stooge, during a recess in a War Labor Board hearing last June.

In his appeal to the State Supreme Court on December 12, I.

Duke Avnet, DeBerry's attorney, argued that the defendant had not received a fair and impartial trial in the lower courts. He said that the prosecution used evidence to appeal to race prejudice. Furthermore, Avnet claimed that the State Court had no jurisdiction in the case because the alleged assault occurred in a Federal Post Office.

The DeBerry Defense Committee of Local 22, headed by Robert Black and S. B. Templeton, leaders of the Local, hailed the Supreme Court decision as a crushing blow to the irresponsible tactics of the company-union.

Purina Mills Goes FTA By A Vote Of 98 To 0

By Frank Hargrove, International Representative

Nashville, Tenn. — There's no doubt about it now; Purina Mills workers proved to their employer that they mean to have FTA as their bargaining agent, by a vote of 98 to 0.

After having organized in the summer of 1942, Local 150, signed a contract with the Company for a year. At the end of the year the Company terminated the contract and things just rocked

along, with no contract. But the members stuck together through thick and thin. They continued to have Union meetings and helped in the up-hill fight to organize Nashville industries.

Recently these workers resolved that they would have a contract. Since the Company would not rec-

ognize them as representing a majority of the workers, they decided to sign the workers over again and then get a cross-check by the NLRB. A majority signed immediately, but the Company decided that its chances to oust the Union would be better if an election was held.

On Monday, December 4th, the NLRB election was held with the resulting 98-0 vote. There were no void ballots, and none were challenged. Brothers H. A. Best and Hamilton Goodman were observers for the Union. The Local is assisted by International Representative Frank Hargrove, recently assigned to this area.

CIO Aims For Unity At Home And Abroad For '45

Washington, D. C. (FP)—Looking toward greater national and international unity in 1945, CIO Pres. Philip Murray said Jan. 1 the CIO will work for unification of all labor and progressive forces in the nation and will vigorously oppose all who preach division and disunity within the U. S. and between the United Nations.

"The CIO recognizes that national unity behind our Commander-in-Chief and our Armed Forces, and the closest unity of the United Nations are the key to both an early victory and to lasting peace and postwar prosperity," Murray said.

"Just as freedom-loving peoples of the world fight shoulder to shoulder to overcome fascist tyranny, so too must they plan and work together for postwar rehabilitation, higher living standards and to safeguard the peace," he said.

Murray said the CIO, as most of the American people, recognize our country cannot stand alone. "That is why the CIO supports proposals

for world organization outlined at Dumbarton Oaks and opposes all isolationist and imperialist obstructions to world security plans and supports the Bretton Woods proposals for expansion of world trade and promotion of world prosperity."

On the home front, Murray said, "The CIO will work for a carefully planned reconversion program in which the human welfare of veterans and war workers will be safeguarded. It will work for an expanded social security program, increasing purchasing power, a guaranteed annual wage, new private and public enterprise and all other steps necessary to assure economic security and full production and jobs for all."

WLB Okays Union Hiring Preference In Lettuce Sheds

Phoenix, Ariz.—A major victory was won by Local 78 for the lettuce workers of the Salt River Valley of Arizona and the Salinas-Watsonville-Hollister area of California on Nov. 29, when the 10th Regional War Labor Board ordered preferential hiring and compulsory dues checkoff, in addition to wage increases.



FOOD PACKING AND PROCESSING

The Board's action came as a result of a one-year dispute between the Local and the Grower-Shippers Association of Central California.

The new contracts will apply to approximately 45 packing sheds in the Salinas area, employing some 3,000 workers in lettuce and other mixed vegetables, and approximately 45 packing sheds in the Salt River Valley area, employing some 3,000 workers. The majority of these workers, however, work in both areas during the seasons and migrate from one area to the other.

CITRUS CASE

A simultaneous WLB ruling granted preferential hiring and wage increases up to 22% for Local 78 members in the Tulare County, California, citrus sheds.

The preferential hiring and checkoff provisions were won as a result of the very strong case for Union security presented by Attorney Aubrey Grossman, counsel for the Union. These two provisions are being weighed by the membership of Local 78 as one of its greatest achievements since its

formation. The Union is one of the two groups of employers who have a long record of anti-union tactics.

SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES

The Union successfully contended that the anti-union attitude of the packing shed concerns which hire FTA members, and the fact that standard maintenance of membership provisions are unworkable in the industry, made the hiring preference ruling necessary.

Further Union argument pointed out that the new rule would centralize hiring, preventing manpower waste for which the industry is notorious, and would give the Union sufficient control to enforce its no-strike pledge.

The resulting WLB ruling provides a clause in the Local's contract with the Grower-Shippers binding the employers to give Local 78 members first chance at jobs before hiring from outside the Union.

OTHER PROVISIONS

Other provisions of the lettuce decision include a strong seniority clause, guaranteeing employment to members who return from the Armed Forces. In addition, the WLB ordered wage increases up to 15% covering approximately ten classifications, and some existing inequalities were eliminated. Many of the Union's requests for wage adjustments were denied on the basis of the Board's policy of adhering to the Little Steel wage formula.

Both the lettuce case and the citrus case had been appealed to the National WLB by the employers. A tough fight is expected and the Union is going to uphold the Regional Board's decision.

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"Right To A Job" Bill Proposed

From FTA Washington Newsletter

Washington, D. C.—The first step has been taken to put into effect the mandate of the November elections for full employment. The Murray Committee of the Senate has proposed for submission to the new Congress a bill entitled "Full Employment Act of 1945," which is designed to provide 60 million postwar jobs.

This bill declares that "the right to a job . . . can be translated into reality only through the joint action of the people of our country—business, labor, agriculture and all other groups—acting through the medium of their government."

The declaration of policy in the bill quotes from the President's Economic Bill of Rights in stating: "Every American . . . has the right to a useful and remunerative job in the industries, or shops, or offices, or farms, or mines of the Nation." And its statement that: "It is the responsibility of the Government to guarantee that right by assuring continuing full employment."

tures required to provide full employment; as well as the extent to which industry will furnish jobs. Every possible incentive will be given "to stimulate the highest feasible levels of employment in private enterprise."

However, if it appears that industry cannot furnish many jobs, the interest is directed to include in the National Budget a program of investments and expenditures sufficient to take up the slack.

A joint committee of the House and Senate is proposed, to whom annual messages will be referred.



How will it work? Every year the President must submit to Congress an estimate of the total investments and expenditures.

As soon as the new session starts, look for a campaign on the full employment bill as one of our first and biggest jobs.

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HAPPY NEW YEAR!



Minimum Wage Bent At De Soto

By Evelyn Hellinger, International Representative

Memphis, Tenn.—In smashing through the 50c minimum wage rate at the DeSoto Oil Co. here, Local 19 won a significant victory. It received approval of the War Labor Board for an increase up to 55c in the minimum wage

Michigan Locals Win Big Bonuses

By Chapin K. Armstrong, International Representative

Traverse City, Mich. — This Christmas brought bonuses to FTA members in many of our Michigan locals.

In Detroit, Local 281 members got \$10.00 each. Local 58 cemetery workers at the Holy Cross and Evergreen cemeteries got \$25.00 each. Employees at the Forest Lawn and Roseland cemeteries got bonuses of one week's pay. A bonus of time and one-half pay was received for Christmas and New Year's Day by the Oakview workers. Watchmen at the Elmwood Cemetery got \$10.00 bonuses while the cemetery workers got bonuses of a day's pay.

Local 68 members of the Dailey Co. in Saginaw received bonuses ranging from \$15.00 to \$25.00 each.

Members working at the Elberta Company and the Crystal Company got bonuses ranging from \$15.00 to \$25.00. Cherry and accident bonuses, which is a bonus, but not an accident bonus, was received by Local 74 at

after 30 days' work at the plant—the first time the WLB has ever approved of such an increase in this area.

The following common labor classifications at the plant were raised to a 50c to 55c per hour rate range: meal sacker, meal room operator, meal weigher, sack sewer, saw changer, seed cleaner and seed feeder.

All remaining employees, who constitute 85% of the plant, who have been on the payroll for a period of 30 days or more will receive an automatic upgrading of 5c per hour.

Business Agent Joseph Hellinger and the Plant Committee, in negotiating a contract with the DeSoto Oil Co., signed a voluntary wage agreement in which the Company agreed to the 55c rate after 30 days' work. On the basis of this precedent, similar Form 10's were signed by several other plants of Local 19.

After the War Labor Board's original denial of the increase for DeSoto workers, Hellinger and the Company's superintendent went to Atlanta to appeal the decision before the Board.—And good news for Memphis, they were successful.

On the Local 19 Negotiating Committee at DeSoto are Joe Gearing, Plant Chairman, and Phil Emory, Shop Steward.

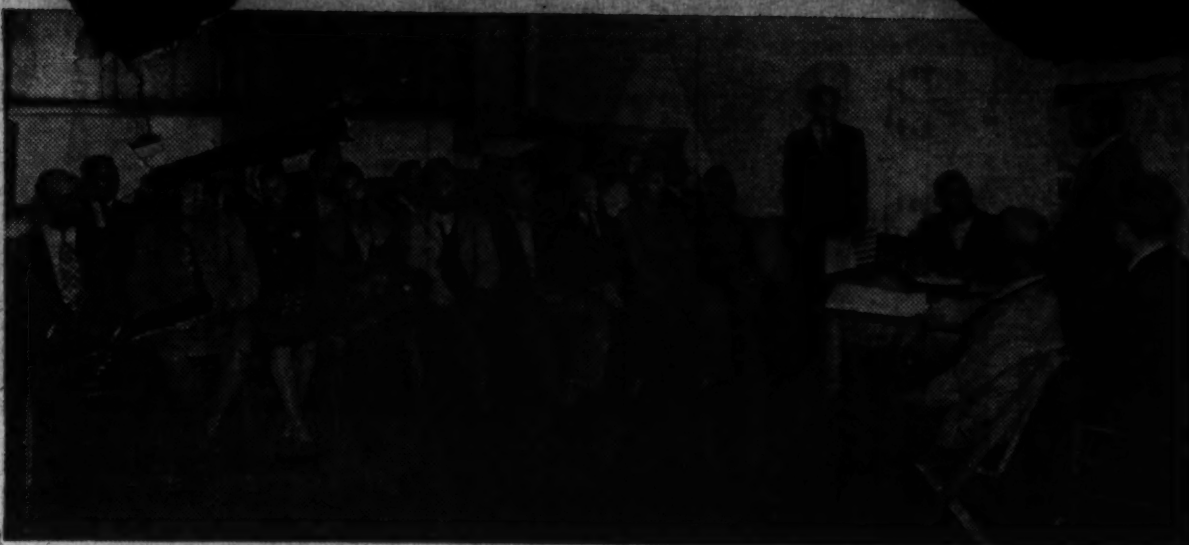
FTA Is Going Strong At Hills Bros. Plant

By John Luckner, International Representative

Accelerate plant operations to another local in the event of a successful campaign. Hills Brothers' workers increased their organizing efforts with the result that Union strength has doubled since the "we'll move the plant" threats were made.

A prompt NLRB investigation of unfair labor practice charges filed by the Union on the basis of the company's "moving" threat contributed to the failure of the management's "scare" campaign.

Despite management threats made several months ago to trans-



65c Minimum Wage

was the subject under discussion at this meeting of Local 19, Memphis, Tenn., called by the Local's Political Action Committee. Seated at the table, at right, are: Clarence Winfield, Secy. of the Committee; John Mac Dyson, Pres. of Local 19; Emerson Dotson, Committee Chairman; and Joseph Hellinger, Local Business Agent. All of the members who were present at the meeting earn less than 65c per hour, as do so many thousands of workers in the South. The raising of the minimum wage to 65c means bread and butter and shoes to these workers.

Shed Forced To Obey WLB Wage Raise Order

By Charles Law, International Representative

Phoenix, Ariz.—Richer to the total amount of \$273.15, G. O. Burleson, J. W. Hensley, Ed. Stover, A. L. Kinman, Fred Jones, Raymond Cruthers and Stanley Cruse, members of Local 78, have the Union to thank for going to bat for them. Two other claims for back pay will be settled shortly, which will bring the total to well over \$300.

Dues Cannot Be Frozen, WLB Tells Cal Pak Corp.

Rochelle and DeKalb, Ill. — Union business is Union business, and not the business of the Company. This, the California Packing Corporation learned when the Sixth Regional War Labor Board handed down a decision that

the amount of dues and initiation fees does not have to be printed on the check-off cards.

The Company had petitioned the WLB to change its directive order for the deduction of dues and initiation fees from the earnings of seasonal employees to specify the amounts, so that the dues would be the same as for full-time employees and the initiation fees at \$2.00.

Arguing that the determination of the amount was purely Union business and no concern of the Company, the Union was upheld by the WLB.

In its argument, the Union outlined the perfect record of Locals 17 and 18 on the No-Strike Pledge, and their fine record in support of the war effort and in production.

Check-off will continue as before, with the amounts deducted in dues being \$1.50 as decided upon by the Fifth National Convention.

Ready for Election At Swift Oil Co.

By Evelyn Hellinger, Reporter

Memphis, Tenn.—FTA has just petitioned for an election at the Swift Oil Company in Cairo, Ill., where a large majority of the workers have signed application cards.

At present, the National Maritime Union is the only CIO union in the area. A vote of thanks is due NMU Port Agent Ivan Shaw. Anxious to get another CIO union in to strengthen the CIO in Cairo, Brother Shaw went to work and signed the Swift workers up.

Another branch of the Swift Oil Company became part of Local 19, back in November. An equally successful election is assured in the Cairo Plant.

Over fifty new members joined FTA at a mass meeting held in Cairo last week. Speakers at the meeting were Frank Hargrove, newly appointed Regional Director of the Mississippi Delta Area, and NMU Port Agent Ivan Shaw.

These Brothers were employed by the Tracy-Waldron Co., in Tempe, Arizona, as "Floor Help" and were being paid on an hourly basis. As a result of negotiations between the Company and the Union, a Form No. 10 was submitted to the National War Labor Board and approved. However, the approval of the Form No. 10 was not quite enough to get the money into the hands of the people to whom it was due. The season being over, the Company had a change of heart and decided that these Brothers had been paid all that was coming to them.

It was necessary for the Union to call in a Conciliator and change the Company's mind. This should have convinced the Company that the Union meant to support its members. But the Company refused to hire these people when they reopened the shed for the Fall run in lettuce.

Another get-together between the Union, the Company and the Conciliator was necessary. This time, the Company came to terms, with the results going to the above Brothers in cold hard cash.

Win 5c Increase At Harbauer Co.

Toledo, Ohio—A five-cent an hour wage increase was won by Local 81 for the majority of employees at the Harbauer Co., according to Regional Director Jack Montgomery. This decision was handed down by the Regional WLB, after two previous Form 10's were rejected by the Board.

organize Hills Brothers' nearby Bartow plant is approaching a decisive climax.

One of the key plants in Florida's important citrus-canning industry, manned largely by women workers, this plant produces canned vegetables, gingerbread mix and GI fruit bars, in addition to regular citrus by-products.

Despite management threats made several months ago to trans-



Educational Committee

members of Local 45 meet with Brownie Lee Jones, Director of the Southern School for Workers, who helped the Local to run a six-week school for members in Richmond, Va. Shown above (left to right) are: Margaret Bette; Charles McClaiborne, Committee Chairman; Miss Jones; Max Sussman, Int. Rep.; and Jeanette Roach. The Local school will adjourn its sessions officially on Jan. 26, when movies will be shown at the Union hall. "The Negro Soldier" and a Lena Horne short are on the program.

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Local 3 Members Start Big Blood Donor Drive

By Dave Forbes, Business Agent, Local 3

Los Angeles, Cal.—Realizing that the gift of life is the finest gift we can give a soldier or sailor wounded in battle, Local 3 entered wholeheartedly into the Christmas Blood Bank Campaign sponsored by the California CIO.

A rally for the workers of the California Walnut Growers Assn. plant was held

Members Rush To Hear Report On Convention

By Zella Whitfield, Reporter

Harviell, Mo. — On my return home from the Fifth National Convention, I found all the members of Local 349 on their toes, anxiously waiting to hear about the Convention. As you know, I was the delegate from our sharecropper local here.

As soon as I got home the members started dropping in, having heard through the grapevine telephone that I was back, and in about two hours my living room was packed. When all the available chairs were taken up, others who came in just flopped on the floor.

They said they just couldn't wait to call a meeting; they wanted to hear the news of the Convention too bad.

Rev. Owen Whitfield (Int. Vice-Pres.) started talking and telling them about all the little events leading up to the real business of the Convention, while I was getting out my reports. After his talk I began reading the resolutions. They were all heard and accepted by the entire Local.

Local 349 is getting to be very small, since so many of our members are going off to other jobs. But those who are here pledge their full support to FTA and the war effort.

We are an isolated group here, surrounded by union-baters—poor white people who need to be organized but don't yet understand what the union means to them and the help it will give them. Every once-in-a while one of these people comes and talks to Rev. Whitfield and asks about "this here union we hear you have over here," and he always gets an earful.

Members of Local 349 did a good job in Massachusetts this year in helping to harvest and save thousands of pounds of vegetables in the food for victory program.

Postwar Planning

Chicago, Ill. (EP)—Joint parleys of leaders of agriculture, labor and industry to plan a postwar economy of abundance were advocated before a congressional committee here by Pres. Edward A. O'Neal of the American Farm Bureau Federation.

Phila. Local Gives To War Chest Fund

Philadelphia, Pa. — Local 186 has a feather in its cap; this time it is the red feather showing that they have made a contribution to the United War Chest. It's an extra big feather for an extra big contribution of \$2,600.00, amounting to \$1,940.00 more than the contribution made last year by the Local.

"I want you to know that we greatly appreciate this splendid result," writes James M. Skinner, Chairman of the Industry and Finance Division of the War Chest, to Carmen Parente, Business Agent of Local 186.

Labor and Management at the California Walnut Growers Assn. plant are shown here talking over their plans for the Blood Bank rally with Pvt. Robert Rodriguez and Seaman George Heredia, former worker at the plant. Front row (reading l. to r.): Steven, Superintendent of the plant; Pvt. Rodriguez; and Seaman Heredia. Back row (reading l. to r.): Con Cowan, manager of the Shell Division, Calif. Walnut Growers Assn.; Marina Padilla, Shop Steward on the seventh floor of the plant; Dave Forbes, Local 3 Business Agent; and O. H. (Doc) Johnson, Shop Steward. The rally, staged by FTA Local 3 with the full cooperation of the management, was a huge success. Six hundred FTA members crowded into the plant lunch room to hear Pvt. Rodriguez tell of his experiences in the Pacific theatre of the war. Seaman Heredia joined him in bringing to the attention of the Local 3 members the serious need for blood plasma.



GI Visitor — Three workers at the California Walnut Growers Association plant here are shown with Pvt. Robert Rodriguez, just returned from action in the South Pacific, who spoke at a rally held at the plant for the Christmas Blood Bank Campaign sponsored by the California CIO. Special interest is shown by these three members of Local 3 (reading l. to r.) Angelina Bruno, Mary Kobzoff, and Shop Steward Grace Bezayiff. Sisters Bruno and Kobzoff have four sons each in the service. Sister Bezayiff has three sons and a son-in-law in the service.



From Army Rations To War Bonds —Local 166 Works For Victory

By Irene Sorem, Reporter

Marshalltown, Iowa—"All out for the war effort" is more than a slogan to the members of Local 166 who work at the Marshall Canning Company. Every minute of their working day is used to produce food needed by our boys at the front. Every penny they can spare goes into war bonds to supply those same boys with the guns and munitions of war; \$10,475 was rung up by the Local for the Sixth War Loan Drive.

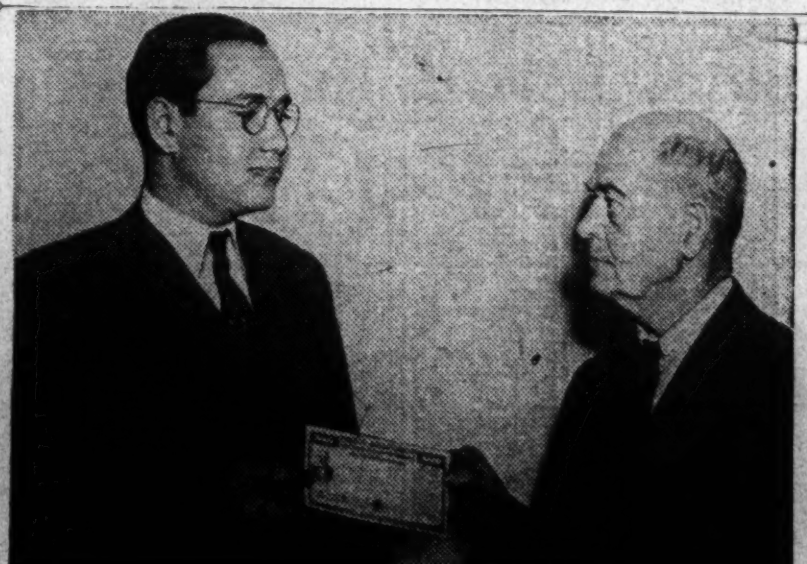
C Rations are an important part of the canning operations at the plant. This ration consists of boned chicken and assorted vegetables.

About 64 girls and 8 men are employed in the Eviscerating Department, which takes care of over 8000 birds a day, or one chicken every four seconds.

In the Boning and Inspecting Department, 90 boners and 40 additional workers take care of 10,500 birds a day.

Twenty-five men and women are employed in the canning room where they put out 60,000 twelve-ounce cans of food for the army a day.

To add a pinch of salt to their other achievements, the members of Local 166 donated \$50.00 to their community USO.



A \$500 War Bond was bought by James Sprinkle (right), Shop Steward at R. J. Reynolds and one of the first members of Local 22, Winston-Salem, N. C. Sprinkle, whose son is a Lt. Colonel with the Army in the Pacific, told Local 22 Chairman Frank Green (left) that he wanted to see the Union taking an active part in community affairs.



Sally Sullivan, President of Local 70, Lima, Ohio, received a hearty round of applause at the Convention for the way she put over the Sixth War Loan Drive at the South Side Daisel-Wemmer-Gilbert plant. \$2,878.50 worth of Bonds were bought by the workers in the plant.



"A" Awards are not so easy to earn, say Edward Mear (left), Pres., Local 17, Rochelle, Ill., and Benjamin Butler, Fin. Secy., Local 80, Camden, N.J. The two delegates compared notes on how their plants, California Packing and Campbell Soup, respectively, won the War Food Administration's "A" Award. Behind them is an exhibit prepared by the WFA especially for the Convention.

MIKE SAYS:

"We're Proud Of Our No-Strike Pledge"

THREE men were sitting close together around a table and talking excitedly. The large room was filled with cigar smoke, and as Mike came in his eyes smarted so, he couldn't make out who the men were. He coughed from the smoke, but the three at the table didn't notice him at all.

Mike came up closer. The men suddenly became familiar to him. The one with the muscular shoulders and shifty eyes was West Pegler, the labor-hating columnist. The white-haired gent puffing nervously at his cigar was the infamous America-First publisher of the Chicago Tribune, Col. Bertie McCormick. And the third man, bending over the table, was none other than Sewell Avery, head of the Montgomery Ward Company. Mike noticed that Avery was sobbing.

THE GOVERNMENT!

"The Government!" Avery burred between sobs. "They've done it again. Sent the Army in. Sided with the union. Gentlemen," he wept bitterly, "you've failed me!" McCormick puffed harder and stared at the ceiling. "Be quiet, Sewell," he pleaded. "This isn't the end, yet. We can still do plenty. Yes, I can see it all coming... Workers are getting tired of their no-strike pledge. They're dissatisfied with the War Labor Board. Worried about the future. Strikes break out... Montgomery Ward was just a feeler. The labor-management committees are doing well in steel, auto and rub-

ber. We'll try provoking the workers in war industries now. Stir up race hatred; provoke riots... Strikes will spread all over. It will affect shipment of supplies to the front. The Government will become enraged. The War Labor Board will fold up in despair. That will be the end of the New Deal!"

"You're on the right track, Colonel," Pegler brightened up. "Once we can get the workers to drop the no-strike pledge, we've got them licked. The unions will crumble. Oh, what a beautiful picture! The veterans will come back from the war, hating the guts of every union. Every time a strike breaks out we'll bring in the veterans to scab; we'll force the strikers to bite the dust; we'll tear up every union contract; we'll—"

"Hey, there!" Mike, who had been standing near the door, confused at first by the strange plotting, suddenly reared up. "Listen, you old men, I'm here, too!"

WHO ARE YOU?

"What's that?" The three men turned around surprised out of their pipe dreams. "Who are you?" Pegler asked sharply.

"I'm a union man," Mike said as he strode to the table. "And don't forget that, because there are fourteen million more like me in this country."

Avery winced, and McCormick flushed a deep red. "We'll lick you soon!" McCormick shouted. "You're not so smart."

"Yes we are," Mike answered.

"We've learned a lot in this war. And, don't worry, a lot of bosses are learning, too."

"Sure, we've got a no-strike pledge!" Mike banged his fist on the table, and the three men jumped. "And you won't get us to forget it, because we've got a war to win, and we want to win it fast. You can't fool us with race poison now, because we've learned to recognize all of Hitler's tricks. Yes, it's our war, and it will be our peace, too. We'll have something to say about our future security, because we helped to fight for it on the production lines..."

NOT A SACRIFICE

"Listen, you old men," Mike looked at them menacingly, "we're not tired of our no-strike pledge; we're proud of it. It hasn't been a sacrifice to us. It has made us stronger than we ever were before. Our unions have grown since that pledge was taken. Yes, and our standards of living have gone up, too."

"We've got a new weapon now, and a better one. That's political action! We are fighting together with all Americans of good will for a better life for all—for laws which will provide more jobs, better pay, better housing, more social security—and we're sticking to our unions down the line for a better world."

When Mike finished there was silence. He opened the windows and the thick smoke disappeared, and with it went the three sinister figures at the table.



"Fruit Tramp" leaders, delegates from packingshed Local 78 of California and Arizona, get together (picture at left) at the Convention. From left to right, they are: Charles Law, Alternate Vice-Pres.; Ethel Alcorn, Fin. Secy., Local 78; and Jack Frost, Business Agent, Local 78. (See pages 1 and 2 for latest union victories of the Local.)

Drama: Part of the Pearl Harbor Day ceremonies at the convention was the presentation of a moving play by the Victory Players of the American Theatre Wing. (See picture at right.) The young lady at the left has just seen the ghost of a dead soldier, who taunted her for spending money on unnecessary luxuries. Moral: Buy More Bonds!

Who's Who On FTA Executive Board

Meet the FTA Executive Board members and Alternates who were elected at the Fifth National Convention in December:

President

DONALD HENDERSON laid the basis for the Union when, in 1934, he took up the cause of cannery and agricultural workers. Henderson brought these workers into the CIO in 1937, at the convention where he was elected General President.

Secy.-Treasurer

HAROLD LANE, Secy.-Treas. of the Union since 1940, deserves well-earned credit for leading our Union to sound financial health. Hailing from Local 81 in Toledo, Ohio, of which he was President since 1937, Lane also served as President of the Ohio-Michigan-Indiana-Illinois District.

Vice-Presidents

LEWIS BENTZLEY, Regional Director of the South Jersey-Eastern Pennsylvania Region, has been active in the labor movement since 1915. He rose to prominence in the Union as Chief Shop Steward of the Campbells Soup plant in Camden in 1939.

JOHN MAC DYSON, a veteran of 23 organizing campaigns for the Union, is a newcomer to the Executive Board. President of Local 19 in Memphis, Tenn., he was one of the organizers of Local 19, the first union in Memphis.

LUISA MORENO came to the Union from the AFL Tobacco Workers Union. An outstanding Spanish-speaking woman leader on the West Coast, Moreno organized Local 3, and was a leader of the Citrus drive in California. She is an Executive Board member of the California CIO Council.

OTIS NATION represents the workers from the "wide open spaces" of the Southwest. Nation organized for the Union in Arkansas, becoming the first President of the Arkansas CIO Council, and later organized in Florida. He is now Regional Director of the Texas-Louisiana-Oklahoma Region.

ARMANDO RAMIREZ, Secy.-Treas. of Samuel Gompers' AFL cigar union in 1940, brought the local, now 273, into the CIO as the first tobacco local of our Union. His trade union activities date back to 1916. He is Regional Director of Northern New Jersey, New York and New England.

ROBBIE MAE RIDDICK, President of Local 26 in Suffolk, Va., began her career in the Union as a Shop Steward. Active in the organization of the peanut industry in Suffolk, she helped to bring the workers of seven plants into the Local.

DIXIE TILLER, at one time a Business Agent of Local 64 in San Diego, proved himself a top-notch organizer in the fruit and vegetable shed drive on the West Coast.

He is now Regional Director of the California-Arizona Region.

ARMANDO VALDES, one of the leaders of the rank and file movement of the AFL in Florida from 1931 to 1935, has a long history of activity in the Union. He joined what is now Local 273 in 1935.

OWEN H. WHITFIELD, outstanding CIO Negro leader in the South, is well known for organizing among the sharecroppers and southern industrial workers. At present he is mobilizing the agricultural workers to use political action in improving their conditions.

Alternate Vice-Pres.

CORNELIO BRIONES, Business Agent of Local 7 in Seattle, Washington, represents seven thousand workers in the salmon canning industry and has been an active unionist since 1933.

PAUL GARDNER, Regional Director of Illinois, has been with the Union since its formation in 1937. While he was an International Representative, he organized Local 78 in California, and headed the tobacco drive in Philadelphia.

BARNEY HENLEY just returned to FTA from an eight-month stretch of duty with the Merchant Marine. He took part in the tobacco drives in Philadelphia, Winston-Salem and Charleston.

ETTA HOBSON, at the age of twenty-four, has the distinction of being the youngest Alternate Vice-President. One of the organizers of Local 22 at the Reynolds cigarette plant in Winston-Salem, she is the Asst. Fin. Secy. of the Local.

LOUIS F. JEDLICKA is another recently elected Alternate Vice-President. He is Fin. Secy. and Business Agent of Local 110.

CHARLES LAW, International Representative and Vice-Pres. of Local 78, has been with the CIO since 1938. He worked in all of Local 78's drives in the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable sheds on the West Coast, and has been active in the labor movement since 1922.

SYBIL NEFF has been in the Union since Local 72, one of the Deisel-Wemmer-Gilbert locals in Ohio, was chartered. She was Fin. Secy. of the Local until two years ago when she was elected Chairman.

THEODOSIA SIMPSON is another leader of the Union who is young in years but old in wisdom. She was a Field Representative for the Union from August, 1943, until Local 22 was chartered in September, 1944. At that time she was elected Business Agent of the tobacco Local.



New World Labor Group Will Be Formed—Thomas

Washington, D.C. (FP)—Pres. R. J. Thomas of the United Auto Workers (CIO) issued a statement here Dec. 20 saying that the world labor congress to be held in London in February "will lay the groundwork for a new world labor federation and take the place of the dying Intl. Federation of Trade Unions."

Thomas was one of three CIO representatives invited to London to help the British

A Famous Delegate Lauds FTA Convention



POWERS HAPGOOD

Philadelphia, Pa.—"One of the best union conventions I ever attended," is the way delegate Powers Hapgood described FTA's Fifth National Convention. And that's saying something, since Hapgood, who is a member of FTA Local 84 in Indianapolis, Ind., is also CIO Region Director of Indiana and has been an outstanding labor leader for many years.

"When the delegates here bring the spirit and enthusiasm of the Convention back home to their locals, they will help to build a great FTA within the next two years," Hapgood said.

Pointing to the large proportion of Negro delegates, Hapgood declared: "The spirit of brotherhood at this convention proves that CIO organizations will bring racial unity to the entire nation."

Trades Union Congress and the Soviet All Union Council of Trade Unions plan the agenda. He has just returned to this country.

Reporting a spirit "of unity and friendliness," Thomas predicted a successful meeting. He declared a new world labor group "is imperative to world peace and security after the victory is won. The firm unity of all workers of the freedom-loving nations is the surest guarantee that the policies of world security outlined at Dumbarton Oaks, Bretton Woods and other United Nations conferences will be underwritten by the common people of the world."

LABOR AND PEACE

The UAW leader said the task of American labor is "to unite as workers and citizens, behind the plans for a just, people's peace that have been laid and will be further perfected when military victory is won."

"To further that end must be our objective, both now as we fight the war and as the nations are liberated. To attempt to secure a genuine peace without seeking the cooperation of the resistance forces in Europe and elsewhere is to defeat our own ends," he said.

Accompanying Thomas to London were Pres. Emil Rieve of the Textile Workers and Pres. Sidney Hillman of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers.

CIO Pledges Support To Southern Welfare Group

Chicago, Ill.—The Southern Conference for Human Welfare was hailed as a leader of the liberal forces of the South by the CIO Executive Board which met prior to the CIO Convention in Chicago last November.

"It is the policy of the CIO," the Executive Board

Army Asks For Nurse's Aid Help

Washington, D. C.—Army hospitals in the United States urgently need thousands of Red Cross volunteer nurse's aides to enlist immediately for full-time paid duty as Army Nurse's Aides. Applicants can obtain further information from the Medical Division, U. S. Civil Service Commission, Washington 25, D. C., or any Red Cross chapter.

resolution stated, "to give all positive and constructive support to the Southern Conference for Human Welfare in its efforts to abolish intolerance and discrimination, to expand to a maximum the voting population of the South, and to express the true liberalism of our great Southern states."

The SCHW is composed of various groups of organized labor, farmers, business and professional men and women and white collared workers of all racial and religious groups of the South. It has been fighting for six years to extend liberal legislation in the Southern states and to abolish the poll tax.

Red Cross Goal Is \$180,000,000 In '45

Washington, D. C.—American Red Cross operations at home and abroad will reach their war-time peak in 1945, Mr. Basil O'Connor, chairman of the American Red Cross, said recently in announcing that the minimum goal for the Red Cross War Fund to be raised in March 1945 had been fixed at \$180,000,000.

To mobilize the support of organized labor in achieving this goal, agreements were reached last April between the Red Cross and the official war relief committees of the CIO and AFL.



"There's Life in the old boy yet," sings Will Geer, famous American Ballad Singer and actor, at one of the sessions of the National Convention. Another rollicking song called, "A Dewey and a Hoover and a Westbrook Pegler," sung by Geer, panicked the delegates.

FTA Program

Resolutions adopted by the Fifth National Convention of FTA (continued from last issue):

Greece: Expressing horror at the massacre by Premier Papandreu's government, with the support of British Tories, of men, women and children of Athens, FTA urges the United Nations to allow the people of Greece to develop their own government "without influence from the outside," in accordance with the agreements of Moscow and Teheran.

Latin-American Labor:

FTA commends the work of the CIO Committee in deepening and extending the cooperation and understanding between the CIO and the labor movements of Latin American countries. The strengthening of the trade union movement of those nations will improve the standard of living of the Latin American people and cause the Good Neighbor policy to flourish. FTA supports our government's refusal to recognize the Argentine fascist government.

Spanish Refugees:

Recognizing that there cannot be a democratic Europe without a democratic Spain, FTA calls upon all its affiliates to support the great work of the Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee in behalf of the Spanish Republican refugees, among whom are thousands of trade unionists.

Puerto Rico:

A message of felicitation was sent to the people of Puerto Rico through Luis Munoz Marin, leader of the Popular Party, and the General Confederation of Labor on their election victory on November 7.

Civil Liberties:

Attorney General Biddle was urged to end the unjust internment of Ernest Fox, West Coast trade union leader and outspoken anti-fascist.

Stating that the deportation of Harry Bridges, International Longshoreman's Union President, would be a blow to morale, national unity, and war production, FTA urges President Roosevelt to

set aside the deportation order and give Harry Bridges the opportunity to become a citizen.

Although the attackers of Mrs. Recy Taylor, a Negro mother and wife of a serviceman, are known, there have been no arrests. FTA urges the Governor of the State of Alabama to prosecute the Abbeyville rapists and requests FTA locals to take action.

Condemning Nazi-like actions in Brownsville, Tenn., where through intimidation and threats, not one worker of the Federal Compress dared to vote in an NLRB election, and where the Business Agent of Local 19 was hunted by a posse of landowners, FTA points out this out as the kind of fascist terrorism that the workers of the South must organize against through trade unions.

Right to Vote:

Pledging to protect the right to vote at all times, FTA will continue its efforts to have Congress abolish the poll tax, and urge Congress and the various States to grant citizens of 18 years of age the right to vote.

Education & Literature:

Realizing the importance of education in developing advanced leadership, FTA will make every effort to provide a guide book on WLB, NLRB, and other procedures with government agencies as well as contract negotiations; a Shop Steward's manual, Local Union handbook, industry pamphlets, and leaflets explaining the program of our Union and the labor movement.

Fair Labor Standards

In view of the outmoded minimum wage and maximum hour provisions of the Act, and the exclusion from the Act of thousands of agricultural and other workers, FTA resolves to establish a 65c minimum wage, provide for coverage of agricultural workers, remove hour exemptions and eliminate the "area of production."



Talking PAC at the Fifth National Convention—delegates Oscar Riley, Pres., Local 65, Middletown, Ohio (P. Lorillard Tobacco); Alta Fowler, Vice-Pres., Local 30, Fremont, Mich. (Gerber Baby Foods); and Kenneth Hirschey, Field Rep., Decatur, Ind., get together for a chat near one of the Union posters.

Notes from LOCALS

Amalgamate

7 San Francisco, Cal.—The amalgamation of Local 5-1 with Local 7 has been confirmed by General President Donald Henderson.

Former Local 5-1 in San Francisco is now functioning as a branch of Local 7, whose main headquarters are in Seattle, Wash.

By Pablo S. Valdez, Branch Agent

Dues Rate Okayed

17 Rochelle, Ill.—Newly elected officers for Local 17 are: Edward Mear, Pres.; Harold McGill, Vice-Pres.; R. C. Pyatt, Fin. Sec.; and Arthur Egland, Rec. Secy.

Local 17's first meeting after the Convention had a big turnout. With the help of Int. Rep. Paul Gardner, it was possible to bring the report of the Convention to our members. When we asked for \$1.50 dues per month, there was a 100% vote for it.

And with that step forward, watch Local 17 reach out and go places. To add luck to that meeting, we were informed that we won the check off for our plant. Our motto remains "Let's keep them rolling."

By Edward Mear, President

Xmas Gifts

79 Bay City, Mich.—Members of Local 79 who are in the Armed Service received packages for Christmas from the Local.

By Lillian Mersdorf, Reporter

\$25 Bonus

80 Camden, N.J.—A \$25.00 Christmas bonus was won for the employees of the Knox Gelatine Co. during recent contract negotiations. Previously, these same workers got only \$5.00 as a Christmas bonus. The plant is a Union Shop.

Officers Elected

120 Akron, Ohio—In our recent election of officers, Ralph Weaver defeated Hugh Money-penny for the presidency. Money-penny, the incumbent, has served Local 120 as president ever since Ray A. Rowles, now in the Army, resigned two years ago to become a UCAPAWA organizer.

The new President-elect, Ralph Weaver, has more than 20 years service with the Company. For the

past year he was Chief Steward in the Package Department.

Kenneth D. Loy was re-elected Fin. Secy. for the seventh term. Eldon Fisher was elected Rec. Secy.; and E. A. Baltzer, Vice-Pres.

Joe Wall is the new Chief Shop Steward, and Marlin Knight, former News Reporter, is the new Door Guard.

H. C. Shaver, James Billings, and K. Werntz were elected Trustees after a run-off election.

Interest was exceptionally high as indicated by better than 60% of the entire membership turning out to vote, in spite of bad weather and 12 inches of snow.

By James N. Billings, Reporter

Happy Holidays

186 Philadelphia, Pa.—First cigar company in this Regional War Labor Board area to get holidays off with pay is the Frieder Cigar Company under contract to Local 186. Employees in the plant will be given Christmas and New Year's Days.

By Carmen Parente, Bus. Agent

\$\$ To Soldiers

297 Toledo, Ohio—Local 297 voted at its last meeting to send a Christmas card with a five dollar bill enclosed to each of our members in the Armed Forces.

Newly elected officers of the local are Norton Ackerman, Pres.; Darrell Fisher, Vice-Pres.; Stanley Kaiser, Rec. Sec.; Kate Hase, Fin. Sec.; and Sarah Shoemaker, Treasurer.

Our new 1945 contract has been drawn up and is now being negotiated.

By Don Smith, Reporter

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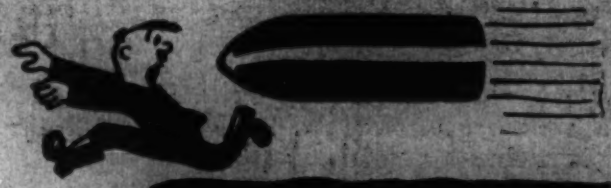
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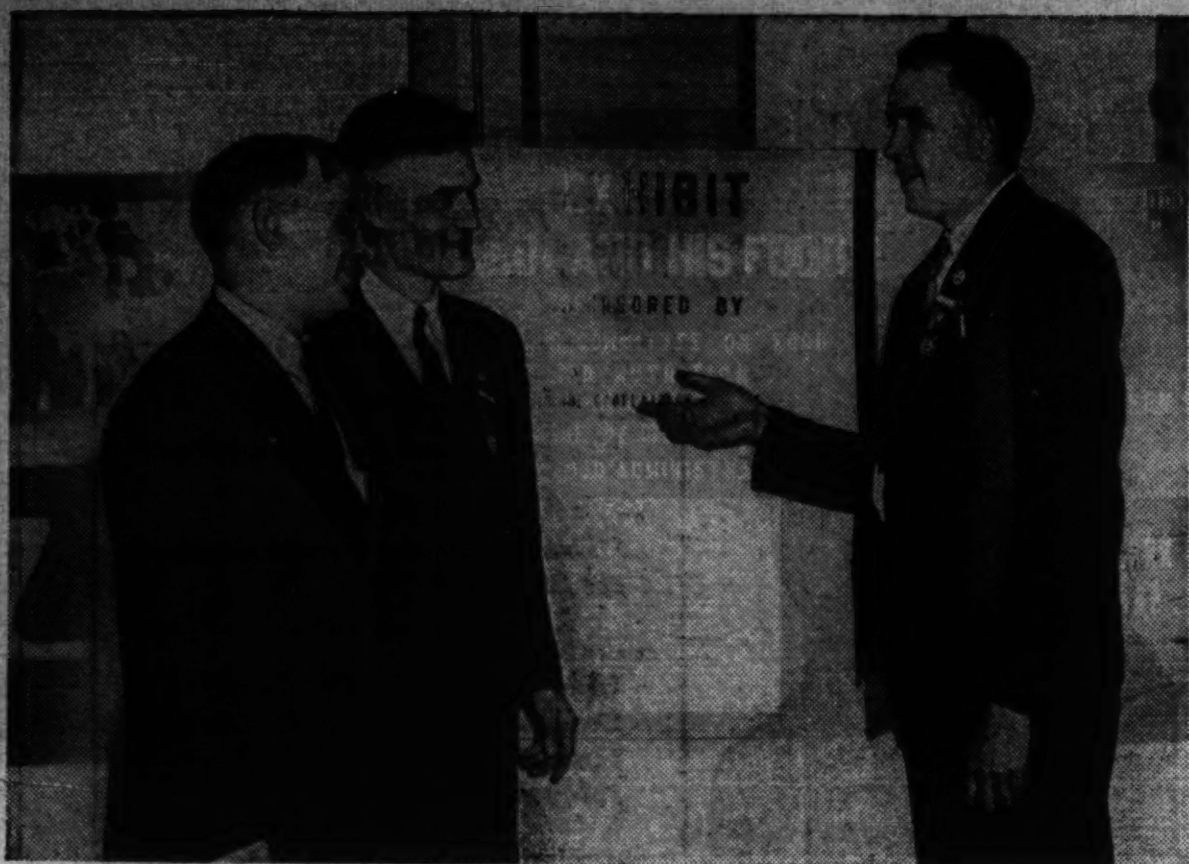
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Delegates to the Fifth National Convention from FTA Quaker Oats locals are looking over the nutrition exhibit prepared by Labor's Committee on Food and Nutrition and the War Food Administration. Reading (from l. to r.): Louis Jedlicka, Business Agent of Local 110, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, who was elected an Alternate Vice-President of FTA; Hugh Moneypenny, former President of Local 120 in Akron, Ohio; and James N. Billings, Trustee and News Reporter from Local 120.

Examining The "Quaker" Who Doesn't Want A Wage Increase

By James N. Billings, Reporter

Akron, Ohio—In this city with a population of 300,000 there is one person who does not want a wage increase.

One of Akron's newspapers, the Beacon Journal, carried an article recently by Jack Montgomery, FTA Regional Director, urging a community committee to lead the

fight to break the Little Steel formula. In reply to this appeal to revise the formula, which has frozen wages and permitted the cost of living to skyrocket, a person who signs his name "A Quaker" tells us we should be grateful for all the benefits Quaker Oats employees enjoy.

Perhaps he can also answer this query: Did we enjoy these things before we organized and fought for twelve years to get them? Would we have them without our 100% Union membership?

He does not state whether he works for wages or how much he receives, but this satisfied person who considers himself a "fellow worker" believes that we can get benefits without demanding them.

Fellow, you may fool part of the public, but you can't fool the Quaker Oats workers. We know

the only way we can compete with the ever-increasing cost of living is to receive a similar increase in wages.

To maintain an American standard of living, we must receive more money for our labor. A family can exist on wages as they are frozen today only if a man is willing to spend all his time in the shop. Yes, we have men who find it necessary to work 18 and 20 hours a day to support their families. It goes without saying that these men are giving up the privilege of being at home a few hours each day to enjoy the companionship of their families.

We cordially invite this "Quaker" to our next membership meeting, where we will engage a Specialist to examine him free of charge.

Four New Locals Chartered By FTA

Within the past few weeks, four new locals have been formed. We wish to welcome them into the FTA family. They are:

Local 21, Green Bay, Wisconsin: Members of Local 21 work for the Liebmann Packing Co. where they pack meats. Officers are: Edmund De Keyser, Pres.; Henry Bertrand, Vice-Pres.; Elroy Dix, Rec. Secy.; and Thomas Malewski, Fin. Secy.

Local 66, Danville, Illinois: Employed at the Rose Packing Co. where they pack meat and lard. Officers are: William Bales, Pres.; Wm. Elmer Nelson, Vice-Pres.; Clyde Barth, Rec. Secy.; and Katherine Stauffer, Treas.

Local 182, Port Gibson, Mississippi: Employed at the Port Gibson Cotton Oil Mill where they process cottonseed oil and cake and linters. Officers are: John Wyatt, Pres.; Wm. Smallwood, Vice-Pres.; Fred Smith, Fin. Secy.; and Neal Kelly, Rec. Secy.

Local 40, Osseo, Wisconsin: Employed at the United Milk Products Co. where they condense milk. Officers are: Irvin K. Ottestad, Pres.; and Clinton F. Christianson, Secy.

FDR Calls For Farm Land For Vets

Washington, D. C.—President Roosevelt urged more aid to vets in the form of farms and ranches for returning servicemen. He has ordered Secy. of Agriculture Wickard and Brig. Gen. Hines, Veterans Administrator, to make a study of the problem.

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CIO Starts Two Radio Programs

Washington, D.C.—Here's the radio program we've all been waiting for. Let's tune in on the CIO! Beginning on Saturday, Jan. 6, at 6:45 P.M., Eastern War Time, and every Saturday, the Blue Network will broadcast a special CIO weekly program.

This program will cover current labor events each week, will dramatize issues, and interview CIO leaders and other prominent persons.

The program on January 6 will feature CIO President Philip Murray and will deal with CIO and the forthcoming session of Congress.

Another CIO series will be broadcast over the Columbia Broadcasting System, also beginning Saturday, Jan. 6, at 3:45 P.M., entitled "JOB FOR TOMORROW."

This program will take radio listeners on a tour of some of America's basic industries, acquainting them with the Union men and women who do the work in these industries.

You can get a list of the stations which should carry these programs from your local CIO Council. Find out which stations they are and contact the manager of your local station with the request that it carry these CIO programs.

Please note that although the radio program is carried over the network, it is up to the local stations whether to carry the program or not. If enough people are anxious to hear these programs, they can persuade these stations to broadcast them.

How To Get CIO On Your Radio

To get the CIO radio programs at 3:45 P.M. and 6:45 P.M. (Eastern War Time) every Saturday beginning January 6, over the Blue Network and the Columbia Broadcasting System brought to your home via your radio—

- Get the list of local stations that should carry them from your local CIO Council, or CIO Regional Director;
- Check with the station manager and persuade him to broadcast them;
- Tell everyone to tune in on these programs;
- If they are not broadcast, take it up in your local CIO Council or with the National CIO.

Tell It To Congress

WILL the 79th Congress be a united team working for peace and prosperity, or will it fumble around like the 78th? One way to get a correct answer to that question is to tell your Representatives and Senators about the CIO Legislative program. Here it is in brief:

FOREIGN POLICY—Legislation putting into effect the decisions of Dumbarton Oaks, Bretton Woods, etc.

SOCIAL SECURITY—Expansion along the lines of the Murray-Wagner-Dingell Bill.

ECONOMIC STABILIZATION—A fair tax program; adequate price control; protection for farmers.

EDUCATION, YOUTH, etc.—Federal aid to schools; maternity and child care and other programs.

RECONVERSION—Adequate planning to provide 60 million jobs.

REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT—Projects like the Tennessee Valley Authority to be built in other river valleys; housing projects.

LABOR STANDARDS—65c minimum wage; equal pay for women.

RIGHT TO VOTE AND ANTI-DISCRIMINATION—Permanent FEPC; poll tax repeal; legislation outlawing anti-Semitism.



Comparing Notes are several delegates from FTA cigar locals at the Fifth National Convention. Reading (l. to r.): Sybil Neff, President of Local 72 in Findlay, Ohio, who works at the Diesel-Wemmer-Gilbert Cigar plant; Elsie Smith, delegate from the South Jersey-Eastern Pennsylvania Regional Council who works at American Tobacco; Anna Magee, Local 80, Camden, N.J., Chairlady at the Siegel Cigar plant; Andrew Dotterman, Treasurer of Local 638 in Lancaster, who works at the Consolidated Cigar plant; and Abalaro Baez, Klein Cigar, Local 273, New York City.

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Pfc. Bill Haber Urges Relief For Filipinos

FROM "Somewhere in the Philippines," Pfc. Bill Haber, International Representative on leave, sends us the inside story on the heroism of the Filipinos.

"In the short time that our invasion forces have been here," he writes, "over a million and a half Filipinos have already been liberated. These families have been pillaged and robbed for almost three years by occupation Japanese. The Japs have refused to give their forced labor even the most meager of vital necessities.

"Most families have been living guerilla lives, hiding in the mountains and in the brush, living on a few wild fruits and coconuts. Many have become active guerilla fighters operating through the Underground. They return to their homes to find them ransacked and stripped.

"These are a staunch and heroic people. They gratefully offer their few belongings to GI's, yet are too proud to ask any aid for themselves.

"One of our patrols the other day brought one family back from a Jap infested area. The father, a man named Tomaka, a government postman and a Morse code operator of 25 years standing, had two sons killed four days before. He told us of the harassed lives he and his family led under the Jap rule; how they escaped into the brush and lived from hideout to hideout.

"The guerillas have a heroic record—some of them are already legendary characters. The name of one great fighter, Captain Sinko, is a by-word wherever you go.

"The Filipinos have a peculiar custom of cutting the heads off the Japanese they kill, bringing them into their communities as evidence.

"One man brought in the head of a Jap captain in a recently cap-



Pfc. BILL HABER

tured town, carelessly tossing it into the gutter while reporting, while the native women spat at it as they passed by.

"I have a suggestion which might be premature or possibly over-burdensome in view of the many activities FTA is engaged in, but nevertheless, here it is: that FTA publicize or give impetus to a movement for aid to the Filipino people. Civilian and organizational donations of funds, food, shoes, clothing, hygienic necessities, medical supplies, etc. Urging the Red Cross and official agencies to distribute these things in the areas that we liberate."

"This would be a splendid gesture and might well stimulate some National cooperation. I have already written in detail to friends in Hawaii and likewise have urged the local war correspondents to give the matter some serious publicity.

"We are all well, busy, and the Nips are in sad shape. Our future disinfecting activities look promising indeed."

Here's What Hitler Said About YOU!



...about Protestants

"They are so meek I could crush them."

...about Catholics

"Theirs is the most corrupt church on the face of the earth."

...about Jews

"The Jews' final goal is the victory of Democracy... because it eliminates personality and puts in its place stupidity and cowardice."

**"Hate the Protestants!
Hate the Catholics!
Hate the Jews!"**

Hate, hate, hate, says Hitler. Hate, hate, hate, say those who echo him, here and everywhere.

But this is America! And America is made up practically 100% of Protestants, Catholics and Jews. In the three quotations above, Hitler takes in just about all of us.

Nobody left out! Because, you see, it's really a suicide pact to which we're all invited. *It was meant to be so.* A suicide pact for all America.

Remember that next time you hear anyone insult any group here in America.

Remember, always that it's someone just like him who is whispering the same kind of thing about the group to which you belong.

Look upon all such whispers as invitations to join that national suicide pact.

Refuse to accept such invitations. And don't hesitate to accuse those who offer them to you of working for America's destruction.

DO THIS FOR AMERICA!

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UNION MEN IN UNIFORM

"I SURE would have liked to be at the Convention, and I can't wait till I read about it in the News," writes Pfc. Seymour Press from somewhere in Europe.

"We have very little reading matter pertaining to Unions here and I sure would appreciate some so I could pass it around and counteract some of the anti-union propaganda that is going around in some of the camps.

"The thoughts of us Army men are often about the home front and the Union. We know about the high production that has been achieved by you and we want to see a strong Union so that when we come home, the standard of living will be kept up, due to our members holding the line.

"The war is far from being over, so keep on producing on the home front and we will all be home soon. 'In unity there is strength'."

"I HOPE to be hearing from my Union often about the activities over there," writes John J. Radford from somewhere in France.

"I hope that the Convention in Philadelphia was a successful one. I'm sure I would have enjoyed myself had I attended it. Hope I'll be able to attend the Convention in 1946.

"Best wishes for happy holidays."

SGT. Clarence Lengerick, Local 44 member, writes to inform us that he is still in the States and

gets his Union paper regularly. "I am getting along just fine," he says, "and hope everybody is O.K. back there."

LOCAL 80 member, Pfc. Chester Wojciechowski, writes from somewhere in Italy: "I've been

seeing quite a bit of action... Lots of times I start thinking about home and the fellows I used to work and go out with. We will probably have to spend this Christmas over here, but I do hope it will be the last one.

"I'd like to go back to my old

job. Heard that the Union has done some very fine things for the people in the plant, such as wage increases and better working conditions. I think that the Union is doing a good job, and am glad that strikes can be avoided. It takes everything to speed victory.

"Keep up the good work, and maybe in the near future we will be back together again."

"I AM glad to hear that the Union is growing stronger," writes Pvt. R. A. Brown. "My own opinion is that the Union is the

only thing for the working man. Sure hope the Convention is a big success. I will be looking forward to the results."

"IT IS always gratifying to learn of FTA's excellent record in the production of foods and tobacco for us in the service," writes Pfc. James Aechele from somewhere in the Pacific.

ARE all of your local's members in the service on the FTA News mailing list? If not, send their names and addresses to the News today!

